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# UW Scholars quizzed by CIA during 1960s

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The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) contacted University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor Edwin Young after he returned from a 1960 trip to Indonesia to ask him about the trip, Young said Tuesday.

"I told him (the CIA representative) the State Dept. would probably know much more," Young said, "and I didn't really have much I could tell." (At the time Young was a professor of economics.)

Young said he could not remember any case where a CIA representative came to the campus since he has been chancellor to talk to him about other faculty members they had or wanted to contact and "nobody in my administration has had regular contacts with the CIA."

But he said he would be surprised if other faculty members had not been contacted by the CIA as he had after returning from abroad.

Young said he did recall one case, however, where a graduate student in economics later went to work for the CIA.

A censored Senate Intelligence Committee report on the CIA released Tuesday said the CIA is now using hundreds of academics to provide leads in more than 100 institutions. No names

were mentioned.

Emeritus University Dean LeRoy Luberg, an Office of Strategic Services (OSS) agent during World War II, acknowledged that he helped recruit for the CIA while dean of students here.

"While dean of students I recommended students for many organizations, including the State Dept., Dept. of Agriculture and business firms," he said. He never received any pay for his work here involving the CIA nor did he have a contract with it, he noted.

"I really have had very little to do with them since 1951," Luberg said. He recalled that in 1960 he and Fred Turner, dean of students at the University of Illinois-Champaign, were strong advocates of the CIA identifying itself as the CIA when it came to campuses to recruit rather than concealing its identity with some kind of cover. "We may have been primarily responsible for that change," he added.

The CIA occasionally interviewed scholars when they returned from trips abroad, Luberg said, but he knew of no salaries involved and the information was given voluntarily.

Soviet History Prof. Alfred Senn confirmed that the CIA had visited him in his office in the 1960s after his visits to the Soviet Union but "I never had a contract with them, I was never a consultant and I was never paid.

"They dropped into my office and I talked to them, as I do with others who drop in," he said. "I have mentioned this in my lectures. I publish my materials and I will discuss them with anyone who walks into my office," he added.

Senn said the visits from the CIA stopped about 19 years ago. "I'm a specialist in East European affairs," he said. "I can't even recall the questions they asked."

Senn said the questions did not involve military matters. "I don't know anything about military affairs," he said.

"The discussions I had weren't important enough for anybody to come up here to see me," he contended. "The discussions were of minor significance.

"No one else I know of was contacted by the CIA but I'd be surprised if others weren't," he added.

Emeritus Economics Prof. Kenneth Parsons said he was contacted by the CIA in 1963 after returning from a United Nations conference in Europe.

Parsons recalled that the agent showed him his credentials and "tried to pump me" but "we didn't get along very well at all and I didn't give him any information."